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August 26, 2005

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Honorable Richard Conway Casey
United States District Court Judge
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 1350
New York, New York 10007

**Re: *In re Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001, MDL No. 1570 (RCC);
Estate of John P. O'Neill, Sr., et al. v. The Republic of Iraq et al., 04 CV 1076 (RCC)***

Your Honor:

We represent Mr. Taha Al-Alwani, a defendant in this action. We request that the Court approve the proposed briefing stipulation concerning Mr. Al-Alwani's motion to dismiss that we have attached as Exhibit A. As detailed below, we have made repeated attempts to obtain the agreement of Plaintiffs' counsel to enter into this briefing stipulation. Regrettably, Plaintiffs' counsel has refused to enter into the stipulation -- or any stipulation for that matter -- on the ground that Mr. Al-Alwani is in "unequivocal, unexplained, unwarranted, and unsanctioned default under the Federal Rules," unless we agree to permit Plaintiffs to file a an out-of-time RICO Statement. Because Mr. Al-Alwani is not in default, the Court should approve the attached proposed briefing schedule and deny Plaintiffs' improper attempt to evade the Court's recent Order prohibiting them from filing belated RICO Statements.

Mr. Al-Alwani was purportedly served with the complaint in this action on July 29, 2005. On August 10, 2005, we called Plaintiffs' counsel to discuss a briefing schedule for Mr. Al-Alwani's motion to dismiss. Plaintiffs' counsel advised us that we could have as much time as we needed to respond to the complaint. We requested 45 days, which would have made Mr. Al-Alwani's response due in late September.

The next day, August 11, 2005, Plaintiffs' counsel sent me a draft briefing stipulation, pursuant to which Plaintiffs would have 30 days to serve a RICO Statement following the Court's approval of the stipulation, and Mr. Al-Alwani would then have 45 days to move to dismiss. A copy of that proposed stipulation is attached for the Court's convenience as Exhibit B. Pursuant to Plaintiffs' proposed stipulation, Mr. Al-Alwani's motion to dismiss, at the earliest,



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would have been due at the end of October. Later that day, we advised Plaintiffs that we could not agree to the proposed stipulation because Plaintiffs' time to file a RICO Statement had already expired, and requested that Plaintiffs remove the provision permitting them to file a RICO Statement prior to Mr. Al-Alwani's motion to dismiss was due. Plaintiffs refused, and instead told us that we should take the issue to the Court.¹ A copy of the e-mail exchange between Plaintiffs' and Defendant's counsel is attached for the Court's convenience as Exhibit C.

The very next day, August 12, 2005, we wrote to the Court, advised it of our dispute with Plaintiffs and opposed Plaintiffs' request to amend the case management order to permit Plaintiffs to file out-of-time RICO Statements. After each party exchanged correspondence with the Court on the issue, on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, the Court denied Plaintiffs' application to amend the case management order. Later that same day, we sent Plaintiffs a new draft briefing stipulation that we had amended to reflect the Court's Order by removing the disputed provision Plaintiffs had insisted upon that would permit them 30 days to file a RICO Statement.

The next morning, Plaintiff advised us for the first time that they believed that Mr. Al-Alwani was in default in this action. Plaintiffs' position, apparently, is that Mr. Al-Alwani was in default because he did not secure from Plaintiffs a *written* briefing schedule prior to the time to respond to the complaint expired. We were surprised by Plaintiffs' position because the parties had already agreed that Mr. Al-Alwani's response would be due either late September or early October depending on whether Plaintiffs would first be permitted to file a RICO Statement. The parties simply had been waiting to finalize the written stipulation while the Court ruled on their dispute over the RICO Statements. Plaintiffs advised Mr. Al-Alwani, however, that they would be willing to waive his "default" if he agreed to permit them to file a RICO Statement – the very relief the Court had denied Plaintiffs just the day before.

Later that morning, we advised Plaintiffs by both phone call and e-mail that Mr. Al-Alwani was not in default, that the only reason there was no signed briefing stipulation between the parties was because Plaintiffs had refused to enter any stipulation unless it permitted them to file a RICO Statement, and requested that Plaintiffs agree to enter into the briefing stipulation attached hereto as Exhibit A. We received no return phone call or e-mail. Instead, that afternoon, Plaintiffs filed an affidavit of service of the Complaint on Mr. Al-Alwani with the Court.

The morning of August 25th, we again called and e-mailed Plaintiffs' counsel urging them to reconsider their position and enter into the proposed briefing schedule. Copies of our e-mail correspondence attempting to resolve these issues and urging Plaintiffs to enter into the briefing stipulation are attached for the Court's convenience as Exhibit D. However, Plaintiffs have refused to sway from their position, and will only agree to enter into a stipulation and waive Mr. Al-Alwani's "default" if we agree to permit them to file a RICO Statement.

¹ We also objected to Plaintiffs' proposed stipulation because the draft contained a provision that would require Mr. Al-Alwani to waive all defenses as to service. After extensive discussion between the parties over the issue, on August 25, 2005, Plaintiffs ultimately agreed to remove that provision from the stipulation.



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The Court should enter the attached proposed briefing schedule because Mr. Al-Alwani is not in default. Plaintiffs' argue that Mr. Al-Alwani is in default because there is no *written* stipulation between the parties. But, Plaintiffs' argument that Mr. Al-Alwani is in default is belied by the record described above. The fact is that the parties had already agreed that Mr. Al-Alwani would have either until late September (Mr. Al-Alwani's position) or late October (Plaintiffs' position) to respond to the complaint, depending on how the parties' dispute was resolved. The only reason the parties' agreement was not reduced to writing was because the parties first needed the Court to resolve the dispute over whether or not Plaintiffs would be permitted to file RICO Statements prior to Mr. Al-Alwani's motion to dismiss. The Court has since resolved that issue in Mr. Al-Alwani's favor.

Plaintiffs' last-minute argument that Mr. Al-Alwani is in "default" is a thinly-veiled strong-arm litigation tactic Plaintiffs apparently believe they can use to coerce Mr. Al-Alwani into consenting to relief it could not have otherwise obtained – and which the Court held just days ago that Plaintiff was not entitled to. The Court should not reward Plaintiffs' behavior or encourage this type of improper end run around the Court's Order. Instead, it should approve the briefing stipulation attached hereto as Exhibit A and proposed by Mr. Al-Alwani to Plaintiffs weeks ago.

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Pursuant to the Court's June 17, 2004 Order, prior to sending this letter to the Court I sent a proposed draft to Plaintiffs' counsel for their review so that I could send a "fully briefed" package to the Court. After reviewing my letter – and despite having previously threatened us with default – Plaintiffs' counsel now advised me they would not be "tendering a response to [my] letter application to the court." In response, I again requested that Plaintiffs agree to the attached stipulation. But they also still continued to refuse to do that either. We are sorry to have to trouble the Court with this issue, but there is simply nothing else we can do.

Respectfully submitted,

DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Barentzen".

Steven Barentzen

Attorney

steven.barentzen@dlapiper.com

Admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and New York

cc: All counsel (via e-mail)

Exhibit A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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| In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001 | 03 MDL 1570 (RCC) ECF Case |
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This document relates to:

Estate of John P. O'Neill, Sr., on behalf John P. O'Neill, Sr., deceased, and on behalf of decedent's heirs-at-law, et al. v. Republic of Iraq, Case No. 04-CV-1076(RCC)

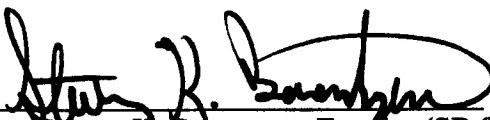
STIPULATION AND ORDER SETTING THE SCHEDULE FOR TAHA AL-ALWANI TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFFS' THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between counsel for Plaintiffs and for Defendant Taha Al-Alwani ("Defendant"), subject to the approval of the Court as follows:

1. Defendant shall move to dismiss or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint, as amended, within forty-five (45) days from the Court's approval of this stipulation.
2. Plaintiffs shall have forty-five (45) days from the date on which they are served with Defendant's motion to dismiss to serve its opposition to same.
3. Defendant shall file reply papers, if any, within fifteen (15) days from the date on which Defendant is served with Plaintiffs' opposition to a motion to dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: 

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Dated: August 26, 2005

Attorneys for Defendant Taha Al Alwani

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Dated: _____

By: _____

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Attorneys for Plaintiffs

SO ORDERED:

RICHARD CONWAY CASEY, U.S.D.J.

Dated: _____

Exhibit B

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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This document relates to:

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**STIPULATION AND ORDER SETTING THE SCHEDULE FOR TAHA AL ALWANI
A/K/A DR. TAHA JABIT AL'ALWANI TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFFS' THIRD
AMENDED COMPLAINT**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between counsel for Plaintiffs and for Defendant, Taha Al Alwani a/k/a Dr. Taha Jabit Al'Alwani ("Defendant"), subject to the approval of the Court as follows:

1. Plaintiffs shall serve their RICO Statement concerning Defendant, as required by Paragraph 7 of the Court's Standing Rules of Practice and in Paragraph 14 of Case Management Order No. 2, within thirty (30) days from the Court's approval of this stipulation.
2. Defendant shall move to dismiss or otherwise respond to Plaintiffs' Complaint, as amended, within forty-five (45) days from the receipt of the Plaintiff's RICO statement.
3. Plaintiffs shall have forty-five (45) days from the date on which it is served with Defendant's motion to dismiss to serve its opposition to same or serve its response, if required, to the answer to the Complaint, as amended.

4. Defendant shall file reply papers, if any, within fifteen (15) days from the date on which Defendant is served with Plaintiffs' opposition to a motion to dismiss, or response to an answer.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that Defendant hereby waives any and all affirmative defenses, objections, privileges, immunities and arguments relating to insufficiency of process and insufficiency of service of process, but preserves any and all other defenses, objections, privileges, immunities and arguments available to it.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: _____

By: _____

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SO ORDERED:

Dated: _____

RICHARD CONWAY CASEY, U.S.D.J.

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Exhibit C

Barentzen, Steven

From: Jerry S. Goldman [jgoldman@goldmanlawyers.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2005 4:45 PM
To: Barentzen, Steven; Gina MacNeill
Cc: Gina MacNeill; 'Fred Salek, Esq.'
Subject: RE: Stipulation of Briefing Schedule for Taha Al Alwani

I suggest, then, that you contact the court.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Barentzen, Steven [mailto:Steven.Barentzen@dlapiper.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2005 2:50 PM
To: Gina MacNeill
Cc: Jerry S. Goldman
Subject: RE: Stipulation of Briefing Schedule for Taha Al Alwani

Ms. MacNeill:

I did not know that you intended to include a provision in the stipulation permitting you to file a RICO Statement. We agree with counsel for Mr. Bin Mahfouz, Williams & Connolly, who in their August 8, 2005 letter to Judge Casey stated that Case Management Order No. 2 only applies to the Federal Insurance plaintiffs. We also believe that to be the case and do not believe you should be permitted to file a RICO statement at this late date.

Moreover, I cannot agree to waive service as a defense. As I told Mr. Goldman yesterday, we intend to defend this action on the ground that you served the wrong Taha Al Alwani.

If you remove those two paragraphs we can agree to the stipulation. If you will not agree to these revisions, please let me know immediately, as we intend to write to Judge Casey and advise him of our support of Williams & Connolley's August 8, 2005 letter.

Very truly yours, Steven Barentzen:

From: Gina MacNeill [mailto:gmacneill@goldmanlawyers.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2005 10:59 AM
To: Barentzen, Steven
Cc: Jerry S. Goldman
Subject: Stipulation of Briefing Schedule for Taha Al Alwani

Please find attached a proposed briefing schedule.

Please advise whether this is acceptable.

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Thank you.

Exhibit D

Barentzen, Steven

From: Barentzen, Steven
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2005 1:52 PM
To: 'Jerry S. Goldman'
Subject: RE: Stipulation of Briefing Schedule for Taha Al Alwani

Jerry:

Thanks for getting back to me. I am happy to hear that you finally have agreed to discontinue your demand that the briefing stipulation contain a provision requiring Mr. Al-Alwani to waive all defenses as to service. We therefore now only have one issue between us that needs to be resolved.

Unfortunately, from your e-mail, I have serious concerns whether we will be able to resolve this issue. You take the position that Mr. Al-Alwani has made an "unequivocal, unexplained, unwarranted, and unsanctioned default under the Federal Rules." But as you well know, this is not the case at all, and the facts bear this out. Any "default" was created by you and your refusal to enter into a briefing stipulation in a timely manner.

On August 10, 2005, I called you to discuss a briefing schedule for Mr. Al-Alwani's motion to dismiss. On the call you told me we could have as much time as we needed to respond to the complaint, and I told you that 45 days would be sufficient. The next day, you sent me a draft briefing stipulation. Pursuant to the draft you sent me, your client would have 30 days to serve a RICO Statement following the Court's approval of the stipulation, and Mr. Al-Alwani would then have 45 days to move to dismiss. At the earliest, Mr. Alwani's motion to dismiss would have been due at the end of October. Your draft also contained a provision that would require Mr. Al-Alwani to waive all defenses as to service. You have just agreed to drop that provision from the stipulation today.

I responded that same day, August 11, 2005, and advised you that Plaintiff's time to file a RICO Statement had expired and that we therefore could not agree to permit Plaintiff time to file a RICO Statement. I also advised you that if you did not agree to remove that provision from the briefing stipulation that we would write to Judge Casey and oppose your application to amend the case management order to permit you file belated RICO Statements. Rather than continue to work out a briefing schedule, you responded shortly thereafter that I should take the issue to the Court.

Upon your advice, I did take the issue to the Court. On the next day, August 12, 2005, I wrote to Judge Casey, advised him of our dispute, and opposed your request to amend the case management order to permit you to file belated RICO Statements. After each of us sent additional correspondence to the court of the issue, on Tuesday, August 23, 2005, the Court ruled in our favor and denied your application to amend the case management order to permit you file belated RICO Statements.

That same day, I sent you a new draft briefing stipulation, virtually identical to the draft that you had sent to me, but in accordance with the Judge's Order I had removed the provision that would permit you 30 days to file a RICO statement. I also removed the waiver of service provision that I had initially objected to. Just today you finally agreed to drop that from the stipulation. You did not get back to me on Tuesday with your thoughts.

On Wednesday morning, however, you advised me that it was now your position that Mr. Al Alana was in default in this action. You also suggest that you would be willing to waive that default if we agreed to permit you to file a RICO Statement -- the very relief you had been denied by the Court just the day before. I advised you by both phone call and e-mail that Mr. Al Alana was not in default, and that the only reason we did not have a signed briefing stipulation was because you refused to enter into a stipulation with us unless we agreed to permit you to file a RICO Statement. Our refusal to agree to permit you to file a belated RICO Statement was validated by the Court's Order. Yesterday you did not return my e-mail or phone call, or get back to me to discuss this issue at. Instead, you filed an affidavit of service for Mr. Al-Alana yesterday afternoon with Court, presumably in support of any upcoming default motion.

After I called you and e-mailed you this morning, you have finally gotten back to me, and officially agreed to waive our "default" -- which was caused by your unreasonable insistence that we permit you to file a belated RICO

Statement -- if we agree to permit you to file a RICO Statement, the very relief the Court just two days ago said that you were not entitled to. We obviously do not agree that we are in default, and will not agree to permit you to file a RICO Statement when the Court just said that you can't. At best, this type of "negotiation" tactic is a thinly veiled effort to exert improper leverage on us to obtain back door relief from the Court's Order. At worst it is tantamount to extortion.

I still harbor hope that you will change your mind and will agree to enter into the briefing schedule I sent you on Tuesday. Therefore, I will not send our Letter to Judge Casey asking him to approve our briefing schedule until the end of the day. You have requested that I first send you a draft of that letter before I send it to the Court. However, I do not see any requirement in Judge Casey's rules that mandates this procedure. His individual practices, amended November 22, 2004, simply states that letters to the Court be in writing with a copy to opposing counsel. Therefore, I decline your invitation to first send you a draft of my letter. I will however forward any letter you wish to send to the Judge along with my letter today.

I look forward to hearing from you so hopefully we can resolve this issue.

Steve.

From: Jerry S. Goldman [mailto:jgoldman@goldmanlawyers.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2005 12:28 PM
To: Barentzen, Steven
Cc: Gina MacNeill; 'Fred Salek, Esq.'
Subject: RE: Stipulation of Briefing Schedule for Taha Al Alwani

I was in meetings all morning and have, not been able to return your telephone call or email until now.

We have been evaluating our response to your communication. That being said, generally, our understanding of the concept of negotiation is one of give and take. There were two issues which we insisted upon in our draft stipulation- the issue of the insufficiency of process/insufficiency of service of process, as defined in Fed R. Civ. Proc. 12 (b)(4) and 12(b)(5) and the RICO issue. Your issue, I assume, relates to the time in which to respond, that is, a failure to answer under Fed.R. Civ. Proc. 12(a) (1)(A) within twenty days (or, had you waived service, rather than burden the plaintiff with the unnecessary cost of service, the longer period of time set forth in 12(a)(1)(B); see, Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 4(d)(5)(costs of service together with reasonable attorney's fee of any motion required to collect the costs of service)) of the personal service on July 29, 2005.

In the spirit of maintaining our cordial and collegial professional relationship, by pursuing bona fide and good faith negotiations, we would be amenable to waiving your unequivocal, unexplained, unwarranted, and unsanctioned default under the Federal Rules (particularly in light of your, and your firm's long-term representation of the defendant in the companion cases and your purported entry of appearance last January) in responding, in return for a waiver of the time of the Judge's Individual rules which may not, in any event, be found to apply to the instant matter. So that this is absolutely clear, we are withdrawing our demand relative to the issue of service that particularly troubled you, as well.

I am going to be unavailable for the next few hours, as I am preparing for a hearing for the District Court on a unrelated case scheduled for the beginning of the week.

If this proposal is still deemed unacceptable to you, kindly send me, in accordance with Judge Casey's practice, a copy of the letter that you propose to send to the court; I will then send you our response, by the close of business tomorrow; you can, if you wish, then prepare a reply and submit all three documents to the court for its consideration. Should this procedure be complied with, I will agree that the period of time between your submission of your initial letter to us, until we submit our response to you, should not be considered for default purposes.

On another note, as I indicated to you in our initial telephone conversation, I had understood that your firm represented plaintiffs in another terrorism case where the defendants are co-defendants in this particular action. You may want to look at this relative to whether it represents a conflict. I understand that counsel

of record include Adam S. Hoffinger, Shale D. Stiller and Elizabeth Renew Dewey. The case is Heisner et al v. Islamic Republic of Iran, et al., 00 CV 02329 (RCL-DAR) (D. D.C.) I understand that the present defendants include the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and the Iranian Ministry of Information and Security, all of whom are presently defendants in our case (your matter previously named Hizballah, Osama Bin Laden, and a number of John Does- as to the latter, we do not know who you meant; the former are defendants in the instant litigation). I understand that the matter is active. While I have not yet had an opportunity to look at the pleadings, RICO statements, plaintiffs' witnesses, Memoranda or the like, it is my understanding that it relates to the Khobar Tower Bombings in the Kingdom which were investigated by Mr. O'Neill, while he was working for the United States Government.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2005 11:11 AM
To: Barentzen, Steven; Jerry S. Goldman
Subject: RE: Stipulation of Briefing Schedule for Taha Al Alwani

Jerry:

I left you a voicemail earlier this morning asking you to get back me to concerning the proposed briefing stipulation I sent you on Tuesday and the below attached e-mail. I have not heard back from you, and from this, I can only assume that you have no intention of responding to me or attempting to negotiate a joint briefing schedule that the parties can submit to the Court. Instead, you apparently intend to take the position that Mr. Al-Alwani is in default. Obviously, for reasons I have previously provided you, we disagree with you. But, by not even getting back to me -- and instead threatening to hold us in default -- you have left me with no choice but to submit our proposed briefing stipulation to the Court for the Court's approval. We intend to send a letter to the Court by the end of the day asking him to approve the proposed briefing stipulation I sent you on Tuesday. If you would like me to submit anything to the Court on this issue on your behalf, let me know, and I will be happy to make both submissions to the Court simultaneously.

I still would prefer to work this out with you and believe we should submit a joint briefing schedule to the Court. If you are interested in proceeding in this manner, let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, you have left us no choice but to bring this matter to the Court's attention today.

Steve

From: Barentzen, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2005 10:13 AM
To: 'Jerry S. Goldman'
Subject: RE: Stipulation of Briefing Schedule for Taha Al Alwani

Jerry:

I want to follow up on my phone call to you this morning. Your suggestion that Mr. Al-Alwani is in default in this action is absolutely frivolous and an indication that you have no intention in proceeding in this action in anything resembling good faith. The only reason we do not have a signed stipulation for Mr. Al-Alwani's motion to dismiss is your refusal to either enter into, or even negotiate in good faith, a reasonable briefing stipulation. Instead, you admonished me to take it to the Court. As you know, I took it to the Court, and the Court completely agreed with our position and completely rejected your position. I strongly suggest that you agree to the version of the stipulation I sent you last night which reflects the judge's ruling. Be advised that if you make any motion or take any action to hold Mr. Al-Alwani in default, we will not only vehemently oppose your application but seek Rule 11 sanctions as well.

With respect to the service issue, I cannot understand why you stubbornly continue to refuse to enter into a briefing stipulation with us unless Mr. Al-Alwani agrees to waive "any and all affirmative defenses, objections, privileges, immunities and arguments relating to insufficiency of process and insufficiency of service of process." We have entered into stipulations with virtually every Plaintiff in this action and none of those Plaintiffs have demanded the inclusion of such a provision in the briefing stipulation. Moreover, I have never seen any Plaintiff in any action essentially hold a briefing stipulation hostage unless the defendant agreed to waive any service defenses. Your position is particularly inappropriate here where I have specifically advised you that we are contesting service. We can agree to disagree on whether our defense in this action is a defense as to service, or another type of defense. But, there is simply no need to argue that issue now in the context of negotiating a briefing stipulation. That issue should be argued in the briefs. Moreover, I do not see how the removal of the service provision from your proposed stipulation could conceivable prejudice Plaintiff here.

I would like to work these issues out with you as soon as possible so that we can present a joint stipulation to Judge Casey for his approval. There is no need to play games here, and I think it is in both party's best interests not to disturb the Judge with this issue. Please let me know whether you will agree to the draft stipulation I sent you last night, and if not why.

I look forward to hearing from you. Steven Barentzen.

From: Jerry S. Goldman [mailto:jgoldman@goldmanlawyers.com]
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To: Barentzen, Steven
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Subject: RE: Stipulation of Briefing Schedule for Taha Al Alwani

I guess the confusion, then Steve, is that your answer was already well past due and

we will oppose it as being filed out of time. As you claim, you and your firm has been been involved in the case for many months, and there is no real dispute over the receipt of the summons and complaint, and I don't see an executed stipulation granting you additional time, I'm not sure what your basis for an untimely filing would be.

I understand your service argument is that while we served an individual with that name, and he is the same individual who was served (and/or for whom you accepted service) in 'related' cases, you believe we served the wrong person. I suspect (unless you provide me with authority on this point) that this is not a sufficiency of service or a sufficiency of process argument; rather, that would be a substantive defense (sort of like a criminal defendant claiming that he did not commit the murder, it was his brother).

jsg

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From: Barentzen, Steven [mailto:Steven.Barentzen@dlapiper.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2005 9:15 AM
To: Jerry S. Goldman
Subject: Re: Stipulation of Briefing Schedule for Taha Al Alwani

Jerry: Just so my position is clear, we do not believe that you can file a RICO statement at this point, and we will oppose any RICO statement you submit. Don't really think that there is any confusion in the judge's order. So, I don't understand the issue.

With respect to the service provision, Casey did not rule on that because it was not before him. As I told you, we are not going to agree to waive service as a condition of being permitted to file a motion to dismiss. There is no authority for this position, and as I told you service is going to be our primary defense.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Jerry S. Goldman <jgoldman@goldmanlawyers.com>
To: Barentzen, Steven <Steven.Barentzen@dlapiper.com>; Gina MacNeill
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CC: Gina MacNeill <gmacneill@goldmanlawyers.com>; 'Fred Salek, Esq.'
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Sent: Wed Aug 24 05:54:39 2005
Subject: RE: Stipulation of Briefing Schedule for Taha Al Alwani

Let me get back to you on this one.
I understand Judge Casey's order, although, obviously, I respectfully disagree.
There is nothing in it, however, about the service issue.

I would assume, that under the terms of his order, we may be late in filing a "RICO Statement"; I understand that your client was served, I believe, on the 29th or 30th of July, which is well over 30 days ago.

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From: Barentzen, Steven [mailto:Steven.Barentzen@dlapiper.com]
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To: Gina MacNeill
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Here is a new briefing stipulation based upon Judge Casey's ruling today. Let me know if you have any comments.

From: Gina MacNeill [<mailto:gmacneill@goldmanlawyers.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2005 10:59 AM
To: Barentzen, Steven
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Please find attached a proposed briefing schedule.

Please advise whether this is acceptable.

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